

REMARKS

Claims 35,36 and 38 are in the application . These claims stand allowed, subject to objections.

The present application is in condition for allowance except for stated formal matters. (ex parte Quayle C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213)

1. The amendment filed on 11/24/2004 is objected to under 35 US 132 because it introduces new matter into the disclosure.

- A) Specifically the amended written description of the paragraph beginning on page 5, line 18 and the amended written description beginning on page 32, line 29 are cited as objected to.

These two previously submitted amendments to the specification have been deleted by the present response.

- B) Also specifically, the added figure 12 is objected to.

This added Figure 12 has been deleted by the present response.

2. The drawings are objected to under 37 CFR 1.83(a).

Specifically, it is noted that the drawings must show every feature of the invention specified in the claims, so that the closed gas system, bolt and weapon must be shown or the feature(s) canceled from the claim(s).

New Figure 12 has been added to the present application. This figure depicts a weapon having a closed gas operated system for operation of the bolt of the bolt. (Note: Figure 11 was entered by Preliminary Amendment filed September 26, 2003)

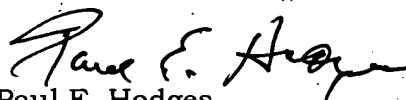
A replacement sheet of drawings containing original Figure 11 and new Figure 12 is submitted herewith. Entry of this replacement sheet of drawings into the application is respectively requested.

New Figure 12 does not introduce new matter into the application. The depicted weapon is described in the specification beginning at line 39 page 10 and continuing through line 4, page 12, among other locations within the specification and claims as originally filed.

Neither the deletion of the noted previously submitted amended material from the specification, deletion of previously submitted Figure 12, entry of new Figure 12 of the drawings, and entry of identification of new Figure 12 in the BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE FIGURES introduces new matter into the application.

Reconsideration of the application and progression of the application is issue of Letters Patent are respectfully requested.

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